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To: Members of the Clean Energy Council

From: Jeanne M. Fox

Re: Initial meeting of the Clean Energy Council

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On behalf of the Governor and my colleagues at the Board of Public Utilities, I want to express our appreciation for your willingness to serve as a member of the Clean Energy Council [CEC]. In the recent Board Order establishing the CEC, the Council is charged with the mission to serve on an ongoing basis as an advisor to the Board of Public Utilities regarding the design, budgets, objectives, goals, administration and evaluation of New Jersey's Clean Energy Program. Of critical importance for the Board is the CEC's advise on these issues for the 2003 and 2004 funding year and to assist the Board in these issues for this transitional year. I am honored to serve as the Chair of the CEC and to have the opportunity to work with each of you as we set the course for New Jersey's investment in clean energy.

The first meeting of the CEC will be held on March 26, 2003 at the BPU Hearing Room at Gateway 2 in Newark. The meeting will begin at 9 AM and is scheduled to conclude at 11:30 AM.

The CEC has been charged with a very ambitious work plan during the coming year. The agenda of our first meeting has been planned to provide CEC members with an introduction and background to New Jersey's Clean Energy Program and the tasks that have been assigned by the BPU to the CEC. In preparation for the meeting, I have attached the following materials for your review:

- ❑ Meeting agenda
- ❑ Draft work plan and draft timetable for the CEC through - June 30, 2003
- ❑ Copy of the statutory provision providing for funding of the Clean Energy Program through the Societal Benefits Charge

- ❑ Recent Orders of the BPU pertaining to the CEC
- ❑ Nov. 1 - Filing of 2003 proposed programs and budgets by the Collaborative.
- ❑ The executive summary from the most recent report by the Collaborative
- ❑ CEC membership roster

Although not included as an attachment, the Davies Report to the BPU provides important background information regarding the programs that have been administered by the collaboration of New Jersey utilities. Copies of the report are available for downloading from the BPU web site. Responses to the Davies report are also available for downloading.

Support for the work of the CEC will be provided both by the staff of the BPU and Rutgers University. Mike Winka, former NJDEP Administrator in the Office of Innovative Technology and Market Development, recently joined the staff of the BPU as the Director of the Office of Clean Energy. Mike will be leading the BPU's clean energy activities and is the BPU staff contact for the CEC. He and his staff in the Office of Clean Energy will be available to provide technical and other support to the Council.

To assist the CEC in its work, the Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy at Rutgers University has been engaged to provide direct support to the CEC. Scott Weiner, former BPU President and DEP Commissioner, now a Senior Policy Fellow at the Bloustein School, has been asked to serve as facilitator. Should you have any questions regarding the upcoming meeting of the CEC please feel free to contact either Mike Winka at (609) 777-3312 or Scott Weiner at (732) 932-5475.

I look forward to seeing you next week and working with you as we address these important issues for New Jersey.